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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We are consumers who strongly support broadband competition, and oppose the USTelecom petition. We believe that approving the USTelecom petition is a huge step backwards for competition and for consumers.

We chose a competitive provider for internet and telephone service in our area for many reasons; better price and stellar customer service being two major reasons. Having the option of this competitive provider was critical, and removing options such as this are against what all consumers should have access to.

Please, NO price hikes to increase internet and phone service costs, and NO to the USTelecom petition.

Thank you.

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